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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) has conducted any survey of all export-oriented acquaculture exists in Krishna district of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the acreage of tanks identified as export oriented acquaculture in the State;

(a) whether any technical assistance has been offered by MPEDA to these exists; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by MPEDA to assist acquaculture development in Andhra Pradesh?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) & (d) The steps being taken by MPEDA in the State of Andhra Pradesh for assisting development of aquaculture include, inter-alia, extension of financial assistance for establishment of hatcheries and development of new shrimp farms, advising farmers to adopt preventive measures for checking disease in shrimp farms, setting up PCR/Dot Blot testing facilities for selecting disease free seeds, monitoring farmers ponds to provide technical assistance for following proper management practices, organising training programmes, farmers meets, demonstration programmes, keeping farmers aware of the market trends and monitoring the residue levels of pesticides and antibiotics in cultured shrimp.